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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL

Address to: Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Box RCE, Washington, DC 20231

Application Number:	09/701,226
Filing Date:	February 9, 2001
First Named Inventor:	Shinji Fukushima
Art Unit:	2834
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This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application. Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application. See Instruction Sheet for RCEs (not to be submitted to the USPTO) on page 2.

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- i. Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 CFR 1.116 previously filed on August 26, 2002.
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- ii. Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____.
- iii. Other _____.

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- i. Amendment/Reply
- ii. Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- iii. Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
- iv. Other _____.

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b. Other _____.

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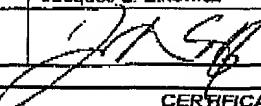
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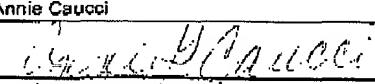
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